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9. THE PRC HAD INVITED MR. NIXON TO PEKING ON THE FOURTH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRESIDENT'S FIRST VISIT BECAUSE OF
THE GREAT FAVOR IN WHICH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS
IS VIEWED BY THE PRC. MR. NIXON'S INITIAL VISIT, WHICH
CULMINATED IN THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE, WAS AN IMPORTANT
EVENT IN HISTORY. THE COMMUNIQUE PROVIDES THE PROPER
BASIS UPON WHICH TO BUILD. THE PRC DOES NOT FORGET ITS
FRIENDS, AND MAO DOES NOT FORGET HIS FRIENDS. THAT IS
WHY MR. NIXON WAS INVITED, AND THAT IS WHY EDGAR SNOW
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WAS NOT FORGOTTEN. IN INVITING MR. NIXON THE PRC HAD NO INTENTION OF INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE US. MR. TSCHI SAID POINTEDLY.

10. COMMENT: GROVE LISTENED FOR ANY MESSAGE TSCHI MIGHT HAVE HAD IN MIND IN PROPOSING THIS CONVERSATION. NOTHING CAME THROUGH AS A CENTERPIECE. THE STRONGEST POINTS MADE BY TSCHI WERE HIS DENIGRATION OF THE SOVIET UNION, HIS REVEALING PLEA FOR FASTER ACTION IN US/PRC RELATIONS, AND HIS EMPHASIS ON CONTINUITY, ALONG LINES ESTABLISHED BY MAO, IN PRC FOREIGN POLICY DURING A TIME OF TRANSITION IN CHINA.

11. THE PREVIOUS DAY GROVE HAD LUNCHEDED WITH SOVIET CHARGE ANATOLIY GROMYKO (BERLIN 5340). REFLECTING ON WHAT UNDERLIES SOVIET AND CHINESE VIEWS, AS IN THE CASE OF ANGOLA FOR EXAMPLE, ONE IS STRUCK NOT ONLY BY THE GREAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THESE FORMER ALLIES BUT BY THE SIZE OF THE GAP. TSCHI'S PORTRAYAL OF THE SOVIET UNION AS RESEMBLING HITLER'S GERMANY WAS NOT A CASUAL REMARK. GROMYKO'S DESCRIPTION OF MAO AS "SENILE AND IRRATIONAL." WAS INTENDED TO APPLY TO MORE THAN THE MAN. THERE SEEMS ALSO TO BE A DIFFERENT VIEW OF TIME, IN THE HISTORICAL SENSE. GROMYKO'S ACTION-ORIENTED AND AGGRESSIVE EXPOSITION WAS IN CONTRAST TO THE QUIET TALK OF TSCHI, WHO LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT HIS GOVERNMENT KNEW MUCH BUT HAD PATIENCE, MEASURING TIME BY A DIFFERENT CLOCK IN DETERMINING ITS COURSE. COOPER

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